

URBAN DISTRICT OF WOLVERTON

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Annual Report  
of the  
Medical Officer of Health  
for the year

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Summary of Vital Statistics:

Area (acres) ... ..	4,699.
Population 1951 Census ... ..	13,421.
Estimated Population 1954 (Registrar General's figures)... ..	13,550.
Rateable Value ... ..	£74,153.
Product of a Penny Rate ... ..	£301.
Birth Rate 13.6 per 1,000. England & Wales 15.2 per 1,000.	
Death Rate 15.4 per 1,000. England & Wales 11.3 per 1,000.	
Infant Mortality 27.2 per 1,000 births (last year 6.2 per 1,000)	
Neo Natal 10.9 per 1,000 births (last year Nil per 1,000)	
Tuberculosis Death Rate per 1,000 0.15.	

LIVE BIRTHS:

	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	173	89	84
Illegitimate	11	4	7
	184	93	91

STILL BIRTHS:

	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	1	1	Nil
Illegitimate	Nil	Nil	Nil
	1	1	Nil

DEATHS:

	Total	Male	Female
from Pregnancy, Childbirth and abortions	N	i	l
Infant Mortality:			
Legitimate	4	4	Nil
Illegitimate	1	Nil	1
	5	4	1

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) ... ..	45.
" " Measles ) ... ..	Nil.
" " Whooping Cough ) ... ..	1.
" " Tuberculosis ... ..	2.
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age ... ..	5.
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age ... ..	2.

HOUSING CONSOLIDATED REGULATIONS 1925: ARTICLE 31.

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|-----|---|------|
| (1) | No: of houses which on inspection were considered to be unfit for human habitation        | 2.   |
| (2) | The number of houses the defects in which were remedied in consequence of informal action | 30.  |
| (3) | The number of representations made to the L.A. with a view to:-                           |      |
|     | (a) the serving of notices requiring the execution of works or                            | 1.   |
|     | (b) the making of demolition or closing orders  | 1.   |
| (4) | The number of notices served requiring the execution of works                             | 1.   |
| (5) | The number of houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices              | 1.   |
| (6) | The number of demolition or closing orders made   | 1.   |
| (7) | The number in respect of which an undertaking was accepted                                | Nil. |
| (8) | The number of houses demolished   | Nil. |

Housing:

26 municipal houses were completed during the year; at the end of which 40 more were in course of erection.

Not counting the rehousing of persons who may at some time be displaced from properties that are demolished, or included in a clearance area, there are still about 200 persons on the waiting list, of whom about one hundred have no accommodation of their own.

No general review of rents was necessary during the year, but, owing to the state of the Housing Repairs Fund, the responsibility for renovating the interior of dwellings, which had hitherto been done by the Council was, with some minor exceptions, placed on the tenants.

No demolition, or clearance orders were made. One house was closed by an Order made under Section 10 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953.

A license granted under Defence Regulation 68AA, in respect of 6, Silver Street, Stony Stratford was still current at the end of the year. Another for the temporary occupation of No: 6A, Silver Street, Stony Stratford was granted under Section 6 of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954.

Disinfection:

The disinfection of clothing and bedding is carried out. Concurrent and terminal disinfection is also carried out by means of gaseous and liquid disinfectants in houses where infectious disease is notified.

National Assistance Act, 1948:

It has not been necessary to take any action under Section 47 of this Act.

No cases arose under Section 50 of this Act.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949 - Rodent Control:

The service instituted by the Council for the treatment of infestations by rats and mice, and of surveys of properties, has continued very successfully. The assistance of the Health Department in the control of rodents is regularly asked for and this is now considered as essential as any of the other public services. The Council's various undertakings need regular attention.



TABLE

	L.A.	Dwelling houses	Agri- cul- tural	All other (inc. Bus & Indstrl.)	Total
Total number of properties in L.A. District	5	4502	24	610	5141
Number of properties inspected by L.A. during 1954 as a result of (A) notification or (B) otherwise	5	31 400	24	7 1	38 430
Number of properties found to be infested by rats	5	129	3	6	143
Number of properties found to be seriously infested by mice	-	10	-	2	12
Number of infested properties treated by the L.A.	5	139	3	8	155
Number of notices served under Section 4:- (1) Treatment (2) Structural Works (i.e. Proofing)		N	I	L	
Number of cases in which default action was taken by L.A. follow- ing issue of Notice under S. 4.		N	I	L	
Number of "block" control schemes carried out		N	I	L	

Sewer Treatment:

Treatments of sewers was carried out during the Spring and Autumn with the following results:-

No: of Manholes treated	C.P.	P.T.	N.T.
Spring treatments 186 Manholes	6	21	159
Autumn treatments 110 Manholes	25	42	43

C.P. - Complete Takes. P.T. - Part Takes. N.T. - No. Takes.

Disinfestation Eradication of Bed Bugs, etc:

The work of destroying insect pest of all types is carried out by the Sanitary Inspector's Department. The General method is by spraying liquid insecticides containing D.D.T. In certain cases, insecticide powders containing D.D.T. is used. The result of treatments were satisfactory in all cases. The following table shows the number of infested premises treated, together with the type of infestation.

<u>Premises</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Type of Pest</u>
Private Houses - Council	-	Bed Bugs
Private Houses - other	2	Bed Bugs
do	6	Ants
do	8	Wasps
do	2	Other pests

Rag and Flock and other filling materials Act, 1951:

There are only a few premises at which rag flock is used by the furnishing trade, and as this material is supplied with guarantees of cleanliness, it was not considered necessary to take any samples.

Water Supply:

1. (a) The Stony Stratford area (approx. 4,000 population) is supplied from the Calverton Road Pumping Station which is owned by the Council. This supply is augmented by a supply from the Bucks. Water Board through the water main supplying the Beachampton area of their undertaking.
  - (i) The water supplies for the above mentioned sources have been satisfactory both in quantity and quality.
  - (ii) Samples of water are submitted for examination at not more than monthly intervals and the results have been satisfactory as shown on (this) and pages 5,6,7 & 8.
  - (iii) Copy of chemical analysis is shown on page 9.
  - (iv) No action required.
  - (v) The number of dwelling houses supplied direct to the house is 1300.

- (b) Wolverton, Bradwell and Calverton:

The Wolverton, Bradwell and Calverton areas are supplied by the Bucks. Water Board from the Foxcote Water Works direct to the Shenley Grounds Reservoir which serves the above mentioned areas.

- (i) These supplies have been satisfactory in quantity, but during the summer the quality gave rise to grave concern by the presence of the nais common water worm and another organism known as the "blood" worm. The organisms are unwholesome but, according to the Bucks. Water Board, are harmless in themselves. All practical measures were taken locally to remove the organisms which seemed to disappear during the late Autumn.
- (ii) Samples of water were submitted for bacteriological examination at not more than monthly intervals (frequently during the period August and September) and the results were satisfactory as shown on pages 5 to 8.
- (iii) Copy of chemical analysis is shown on page 9.
- (iv) No action required.
- (v) The number of dwelling houses supplied direct to the house 3202 and by standpipe 67.
- (vi) Urban Area. The total number of dwelling houses supplied direct to the house is 4,502 and by stand pipe 67.

2. The water supply to the Urban Area has been sufficient in quantity.

(i) Bacteriological Examination:

Nature of sample of water from the Council Depot, Church Street, Wolverton.

Date and hour of collection 21:4:54. 10.00 a.m.

Date and hour of arrival 21:4:54. 2.30 p.m.

Lab. Ref: No: 2728. Result:- Very satisfactory.

Nature of sample of water from Pumping Station, Calverton Road, Stony Stratford.

Date and hour of collection 21:4:54. 10.30 a.m.

Date and hour of arrival 21:4:54. 2.30 p.m.

Lab: Ref: No: 2725. Result:- Very satisfactory.



V.S. - Very satisfactory.  
S. - Satisfactory.  
Un.S. - Unsatisfactory.

WOLVERTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
Public Health Department  
Ministry of Health Circular 2/50 Paragraph 6 (ii).  
Samples of Water collected and submitted for examination during 1954.

No:	Name of Water Supply	Water Undertaker	Bacteriological Samples		Chemical Samples	Remarks Lab: Ref: No:
			Date	Results		
1.	Bucks Water Board	Wolverton U.D.C.	13.1.54	V.S.	Nil	261
2.	Calverton Road P.S.	"	"	V.S.	"	262
3.	Bucks Water Board	"	"	V.S.	"	263
4.	" " "	"	"	V.S.	"	264
5.	Calverton Road P.S.	"	"	V.S.	"	265
6.	" " "	"	3.2.54	V.S.	"	787
7.	Bucks Water Board	"	"	V.S.	"	786
8.	Calverton Road P.S.	"	10.3.54	V.S.	"	1712
9.	" " "	"	"	Un-S.	"	1713
10.	Bucks Water Board	"	"	V.S.	"	1714
11.	Calverton Road P.S.	"	"	V.S.	"	1715
12.	Bucks Water Board	"	"	V.S.	"	1716
13.	" " "	"	"	V.S.	"	1717
14.	" " "	"	21.4.54	V.S.	"	2723
15.	Calverton Road P.S.	"	"	Un-S.	"	2724
16.	" " "	"	"	V.S.	"	2725
17.	Bucks Water Board	"	"	V.S.	"	2726
18.	" " "	"	"	V.S.	"	2727
19.	" " "	"	"	V.S.	"	2728
20.	Calverton Road P.S.	"	12.5.54	V.S.	"	3255
21.	" " "	"	"	V.S.	"	3256
22.	Bucks Water Board	"	"	V.S.	"	3257
23.	" " "	"	"	V.S.	"	3258
24.	Calverton Road P.S.	"	"	V.S.	"	3259
25.	Bucks Water Board	"	"	V.S.	"	3260
26.	" " "	"	19.5.54	V.S.	"	3482
27.	" " "	"	9.6.54	V.S.	"	3943
28.	" " "	"	"	V.S.	"	3944
29.	Calverton Road P.S.	"	"	V.S.	"	3945
30.	Bucks Water Board	"	"	V.S.	"	3946
31.	" " "	"	"	V.S.	"	3947



Samples of Water collected and submitted for examination during 1954.

No:	Name of Water Supply	Water Undertaker	Bacteriological Samples		Chemical Samples	Remarks Lab: Ref: No:
			Date	Results		
32.	Calverton Road P.S.	Wolverton U.D.C.	9.6.54	V.S.	Nil	3948
33.	" "	"	30.6.54	V.S.	"	4475
34.	Bucks Water Board	"	"	V.S.	"	4476
35.	" "	"	"	V.S.	"	4477
36.	Calverton Road P.S.	"	"	Un-S.	"	4478
37.	Bucks Water Board	"	"	V.S.	"	4480
38.	" "	"	28.7.54	V.S.	"	5196
39.	" "	"	"	V.S.	"	5197
40.	Calverton Road P.S.	"	"	Un-S.	"	5198
41.	Bucks Water Board	"	"	V.S.	"	5200
42.	Calverton Road P.S.	"	"	V.S.	"	5201
43.	Bucks Water Board	"	10.8.54	V.S.	"	5432
44.	" "	"	"	V.S.	"	5433
45.	" "	"	"	V.S.	"	5434
46.	" "	"	"	V.S.	"	5435
47.	" "	"	"	V.S.	"	5436
48.	" "	"	"	V.S.	"	5437
49.	" "	"	"	V.S.	"	5438
50.	" "	"	25.8.54	V.S.	"	5969
51.	" "	"	"	V.S.	"	5970
52.	" "	"	"	V.S.	"	5971
53.	Calverton Road P.S.	"	"	V.S.	"	5972
54.	Bucks Water Board	"	"	V.S.	"	5973
55.	" "	"	"	V.S.	"	5974
56.	" "	"	"	V.S.	"	5975
57.	" "	"	1.9.54	Un-S.	"	6211
58.	" "	"	8.9.54	V.S.	"	6371
59.	" "	"	"	V.S.	"	6372
60.	" "	"	"	V.S.	"	6373
61.	" "	"	"	V.S.	"	6374
62.	Calverton Road P.S.	"	"	V.S.	"	6375

Samples of Water collected and submitted for examination during 1954.

No:	Name of Water Supply	Water Undertaker	Bacteriological Samples		Chemical Samples	Remarks Lab: Ref: No:
			Date	Results		
63.	Bucks Water Board	Wolverton U.D.C.	8.9.54	V.S.	Nil	6376
64.	" "	"	"	V.S.	"	6377
65.	Calverton Road P.S.	"	28.10.54	V.S.	"	7891
66.	Bucks Water Board	"	"	V.S.	"	7892
67.	" "	"	"	V.S.	"	7893
68.	" "	"	"	V.S.	"	7894
69.	" "	"	"	V.S.	"	7895
70.	" "	"	"	V.S.	"	7896
71.	" "	"	"	V.S.	"	7897
72.	" "	"	18.11.54	V.S.	"	8463
73.	" "	"	"	V.S.	"	8464
74.	Calverton Road P.S.	"	"	V.S.	"	8465
75.	Bucks Water Board	"	"	V.S.	"	8466
76.	" "	"	"	V.S.	"	8467
77.	" "	"	"	V.S.	"	8468
78.	" "	"	"	V.S.	"	8469
79.	" "	"	9.12.54	V.S.	"	8994
80.	Calverton Road P.S.	"	"	V.S.	"	8995
81.	Bucks Water Board	"	"	V.S.	"	8996
82.	" "	"	"	V.S.	"	8997
83.	" "	"	"	V.S.	"	8998
84.	" "	"	"	V.S.	"	8999
85.	" "	"	"	V.S.	"	9000



RESULT OF ANALYSIS: (CHEMICAL)

in two samples of WATER  
 sent by The Sanitary Inspector, Urban District of  
 Wolverton.  
 marked 4124 - Stony Stratford Supply, Council Offices,  
 Market Square.  
 4125 - Bucks. Water Board, Council Depot, Church  
 Street, Wolverton.

				<u>Parts per Million</u>	
				<u>4124</u>	<u>4125</u>
Total Solids	...	...	...	595.0	522.0
Chlorine as Chlorides	...	...	...	30.7	30.7
Free and Saline Ammonia	...	...	...	0.144	0.176
Albuminoid Ammonia	...	...	...	0.064	0.048
Oxygen absorbed from N/80 permanganate in 3 hrs at 98°F				0.782	0.688
Nitrates as Nitrogen	...	...	...	absent	absent
Nitrites as Nitrogen	...	...	...	absent	absent
Reaction pH	...	...	...	7.4	7.4
Hardness <sup>o</sup> Clark	...	...	...	16.05	15.04
Calcium Salts (as CaO)	...	...	...	207.0	167.0
Magnesium Salts (as MgO)	...	...	...	10.0	8.0
Sulphate (as SO <sub>3</sub> )	...	...	...	107.7	82.1
Total Alkalinity (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	...	...	...	285.0	275.0
Copper, Lead, Zinc	...	...	...	absent	absent
Iron	...	...	...	trace	trace
Appearance	...	...	...	bright and clear liquid	

Both samples are good and pure waters.

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WOLVERTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
Public Health Department  
Ministry of Health Circular No: 2/50. Para 6 (ii)

Samples of water collected from Swimming Pools and Bathing Places - 1954.

Lab: Ref: No:	Name of Swimming Pool:	Pool controlled by:	Date	Bacteriological Examination		Remarks	
				Coliform Bacilli	Faecal Coli	Sample taken from Surface of pool after floor scoured	$\frac{1}{2}$ depth of pool after floor scoured
	Fegans Homes "	Governors of Fegans Homes		0 per 100 m.l.	0 per 100 m.l.	- -	- -
	" "	" "		" "	" "	- -	- -
4479 4481	" "	" "	30.6.54 30.6.54	" "	" "	do -	- do
5199 5202	" "	" "	28.7.54 28.7.54	" "	" "	do -	- do
	" "	" "		" "	" "	- -	- -
	" "	" "		" "	" "	- -	- -

Food and Drugs Act, 1937. Food preparing Rooms.(a) Cafes and Restaurants.

There were 8 cafes and restaurants in the district at the end of the year. Regular visits of inspection were made and generally the premises were found to be satisfactory.

(b) Hotels.

Inspections have been made of the kitchens of the hotels and were found to be maintained in a satisfactory condition.

(c) Bakehouses.

At the end of the year there were 10 bakehouses in regular use, none of which came under the category of "Underground Bakehouses".

The method of firing at these bakehouses is as follows:-

Solid Fuel	10
Gas and Solid Fuel	-
Gas	-
Electricity	-
	10
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All the bakehouses have been maintained in a satisfactory condition and with 50 inspections only minor defects were found which were corrected.

(d) Sausages and Preserved Foods.

Inspections were made of the premises where sausages and preserved foods intended for sale are manufactured, and only in a few instances was it necessary to direct attention to cleansing and redecoration which was duly carried out. A total of 170 visits were made to the above-mentioned premises.

(e) Fish Frying.

Visits were made to the three fish frying premises and also to the premises where mobile fish frying vans are stored, and all were found to be kept in a satisfactory condition.

(f) Shops, Stalls and Vehicles.

A total of 350 visits were made to shops, stalls and vehicles and only in a few cases was it found necessary to direct attention to cleansing and redecoration.

Handling, Wrapping and delivery of food, and sale of food in the open air.

1. The model bye-laws for securing the observance of sanitary and cleanly conditions and practice in connection with the handling, wrapping and delivery of food, and sale of food in the open air, are in force in this district.

General.

2. When inspections are being made of food preparing rooms the Proprietor's attention is drawn to the importance of all food preparing rooms being maintained at a very high standard of hygiene, so that at any time the management would welcome members of the public visiting in order to see how food is prepared.

Food Premises.

The number of food premises in this district is 128 and are situate as follows:-

	<u>New Bradwell.</u>	<u>Stony Stratford.</u>	<u>Wolverton.</u>
Butcher	6	7	7
Baker	1	5	3
Confectionery	1	4	9
Grocer	2	7	7
Fruit	2	4	5
General Store	12	8	14
Cafes	-	6	2
Fish	3	2	3
Hotels which have catering facilities	1	2	4
Covered Market	-	-	1
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	28	45	55
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Food Surrendered for Condemnation during 1954.

1:4:54 to 31:3:55.

Tins:

4 Carrots.  
 14 Corned Beef.  
 21 Tomato Soup.  
 6 Irish Stew.  
 133 Tomatoes.  
 3 Jellied Veal.  
 11 Peas.  
 37 Milk.  
 2 Dressed Crab.  
 16 Stewed Steak.  
 25 Heinz Baby Food.  
 1 Calves Tongue.  
 6 Ham.  
 49 Victoria Plums.  
 5 Spinach.  
 19 Snock.  
 8 Kippers and Herrings.  
 1 Chopped Pork.  
 13 Veal and Ham Loaf.  
 4 Grapes.  
 3 Cherries.  
 3 Cream.  
 2 Rhubarb.  
 6 Beef Loaf.  
 7 Apricots.  
 15 Luncheon Meat.  
 1 Cooked Pork Butts.  
 1 Casserole Steak.  
 29 Pineapple.  
 2 Butter Beans.  
 1 Sardine.

6 Peaches.  
 1 Gooseberries.  
 163 Sliced Runner Beans.  
 5 Pilchards.  
 3 Rabbit.  
 1 Pigs Tongue.  
 32 Fruit Juices.  
 1 Soft Roes.  
 40 Baked Beans.  
 3 Nor meat.  
 4 Shoulder Ham.  
 4 Grapefruit.

11 Jars Purple Cabbage.  
 3 " Pineapple.

Meat Condemned.

14½ lb. Forequarters of Beef.  
 7½ " Beef Trimming.  
 21 " Leg of Pork.  
 7½ " Liver.  
 20½ " Ham.  
 4 " Brisket of Beef.  
 154 " Beef & Pork Sausage.  
 10 " Bacon.

Fish.

7 lbs. Golden Fillet  
 4 stone Kippers.

Cheese.

104½ lbs.

13½ Tapioca.  
 9x7 lb. boxes French Ice.  
 1 box Milk Chocolate Wafers.  
 1 " Pola mixed cones  
 1 " Sweets.  
 1x6 boxes Nut Chocolates.



Inspection and Supervision of Food - Milk.

At the end of the year the Register was as follows:-

Premises registered as dairies in area ... .. 3

Milk Distributors registered in area:

(i) trading from premises within area ... ..	3
(ii) trading from premises outside area ... ..	<u>4</u>
Total ... ..	7
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The Urban area is supplied by the Distributors handling the following grades of milk:-

Distributor No:	Supplying		
	Pasteurised Milk	T.T. Milk	Ungraded Milk
1	-	T.T.	Ungraded
2	P	T.T.	Ungraded
3	P	T.T.	-
4	P	T.T.	Ungraded
5	-	T.T.	-
6	P	T.T.	-
7	P	-	-

Milk and Drugs Regulations, 1949 - Section 20.

It has not been necessary to serve any notices under this Regulation.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD - MILK SAMPLING.

Regular checks on the sale of milk were taken throughout the year; 140 samples being submitted for examination by the Methylene Blue Test, with the following results :-

G: GOOD. M: MODERATE. P: POOR.

YEAR	1949			1950			1951			1952			1953			1954			TOTALS		
MONTH	G.	M.	P.	G.	M.	P.	G.	M.	P.	G.	M.	P.	G.	M.	P.	G.	M.	P.	G.	M.	P.
January	2	-	2	10	2	3	23	3	-	22	1	-	24	-	-	12	-	-	93	6	5
February	11	7	-	21	-	-	30	2	-	20	1	-	6	-	-	12	-	-	100	10	-
March	43	5	2	18	2	2	29	2	-	19	1	-	24	-	-	11	1	-	144	11	4
April	27	5	3	19	4	-	22	2	-	20	3	-	23	1	-	12	-	-	123	15	3
May	44	10	3	12	1	4	35	2	1	27	3	1	17	2	5	12	-	-	147	18	14
June	34	9	12	-	-	-	20	8	3	23	4	3	13	5	5	9	3	-	99	29	23
July	12	10	11	5	3	4	9	5	5	23	2	12	18	5	7	10	1	1	77	26	4
August	14	2	14	9	10	2	20	6	4	16	4	5	15	3	4	15	1	-	89	26	29
September	11	5	3	7	4	-	12	1	5	13	5	1	25	-	3	21	1	-	89	16	12
October	11	5	2	22	2	3	26	9	-	23	-	-	10	1	-	5	1	-	97	18	5
November	24	1	-	15	3	-	23	2	4	18	1	1	11	-	-	6	-	-	97	7	5
December	1	-	-	12	1	-	18	2	2	11	1	-	11	-	-	6	-	-	59	4	2
TOTALS	234	59	52	150	32	18	267	44	24	235	26	23	197	17	24	131	8	1	1214	186	142

Total number of samples:	345	200	335	284	238	140	
% of Poor Grade	15%	9%	7%	8%	10%	0.73%	
% of Moderate Grade	17%	16%	13%	9%	7%	5.77%	=
% of Good Grade	68%	75%	80%	83%	83%	93.5%	=====

Ice Cream.

The following table shows the premises registered for the manufacture and for the sale of ice cream.

	Manufacture		Sale
	Heat Treatment	Cold Mix	
On register at end of 1952	1	1	38
New Registrations in 1953	-	-	-
Withdrawal of registration in 1953	-	-	-
On register at end of 1953	1	1	38

During the year strict observations have been kept upon the manufacture and sale of ice cream; and samples were taken for examination by the methylene blue test. These gave results as follows:-

	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
Grade 1	49	90	76	51	117	40
Grade 2	68	72	13	49	38	16
Grade 3	66	26	4	8	13	-
Grade 4	14	6	9	7	4	-
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	197	194	102	115	172	56
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Grade 1	25%	47%	74%	44%	68%	70%
Grade 2	34%	37%	13%	43%	22.1%	30%
Grade 3	34%	13%	4%	7%	7.6%	-
Grade 4	7%	3%	9%	6%	2.3%	-

Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed (if known)					
Number inspected					
All diseases except Tuberculosis whole carcasses condemned					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned					
Percentage of that number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	N	I	L		
Tuberculosis only					
Whole carcasses condemned					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned					
Percentage of that number inspected affected with tuberculosis					



Swimming Baths and Pools.

The Council's bathing places on the River Ouse have now been demolished.

During the year Mr. Fegans Homes, Stony Stratford, arranged with the County Education Committee for a limited number of the pupils from the Wolverton School to use the Swimming Pool at the Homes. This necessitated the regular sampling of the water from the swimming pool. The samples of water from the pool were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, Northampton, and the results are shewn on page of this Report.

Premises and occupations controlled by Bye-laws and Regulations Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890. Part IV.

This enactment came into operation on the 2.4.51 and required the licensing of places ordinarily used for public dancing and music or public entertainment of the like kind.

The sanitary condition of the conveniences attached to the three cinemas in this district is satisfactory.

All the streets under the Council's control are regularly cleansed. By arrangement with the County Council, the classified roads in the built-up portion of the district, and those linking up the three townships, are scavenged by the Council.

Food Poisoning Outbreaks.1954 Food Poisoning Outbreaks.

Period	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
No: of outbreaks	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
No: of cases	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
No: of deaths	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

Infectious Diseases.

No cases.

Scarlet Fever.

52 cases were notified, one of which was sent to an isolation hospital. This is an increase of five as against 47 last year.

Tuberculosis.

8 cases were notified, against 10 as last year.

Pulmonary - 6.

Non-Pulmonary - 2.

These were all notified by the County Tuberculosis Officer. There is a Tuberculosis Clinic at Wolverton open one day a week attended by the County Tuberculosis Officer. Screenings and X-Ray photographs of the chest can be done here.

<u>Puerperal Pyrexia</u> <u>Opthalmia Neonatorum</u>	} Nil
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Acute Infective Meningitis.

No cases.

Diphtheria.

No cases.

Whooping Cough.

67 cases all in the early part of the year.

Pneumonia.

7 cases.

Ministry of Health Circular 28/54.Annual Report of the M.O.H. for 1954.Senior Public Health Officers:

The Medical Officer of Health for the Urban District is a part-time officer, holding degrees as a Master of Arts and a Doctor of Medicine.

There will be a vacancy in July 1955, which will be filled under the County of Buckingham (Medical Officers of Health for County Districts) Scheme, 1953, which provides for the appointment of whole-time medical officers of health.

The duties performed are those which, by paragraph 17 of the Sanitary Officers (Outside London) Regulations, 1935, a medical officer of health is required to do.

The Sanitary Inspector is an Associate of the Royal Sanitary Institute, and a Fellow Surveyor Member of the Incorporated Association of Architects.

The duties performed include those laid down in the Paragraph 27 of the Regulations of 1935, except sub-paragraphs (4), (7) and (10). With reference to sub-paragraph (15), the powers and duties given by sub-sections (3), (4) and (5) of Section 38 of the Shops Act, 1950 are carried out under delegation from the County Council.

This officer also performs duties under the Rag Flocks &c., Act, 1951, the Pet Animals Act, 1951, and the Heating Appliances (Fireguards) Act, 1952.

Committee concerned with matters of public health:

The duties of the Public Health Committee are:-

To carry into effect the provisions of the Public Health and of other Acts relating to the public health of the inhabitants of the district, including the abatement of nuisances, provision of sanitary accommodation, disinfection, offensive trades, epidemics and infectious diseases.

To license slaughtermen and to enforce the provisions of the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933, for the humane slaughtering of animals; and to license Slaughterhouses under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938 and the Slaughterhouses Act, 1954.

To carry out the powers and duties of the Council affecting food, meat and milk.

To carry out direct and delegated powers and duties under the Shops Act, 1950.

To perform the duties contained in the Housing Acts so far as they are concerned with the inspection, closure and repairs of existing dwellings. (Note - the duty to provide new houses is that of the Housing and Planning Committee.)

To carry into effect the Council's powers and duties under the Factories Act.

To enforce the abatement of smoke nuisances and atmospheric pollution.

To issue licenses, etc., under the Petroleum (Consolidation) Act, 1928.



To licence hackney carriages; game dealers; and pawn brokers.

To carry into effect the powers and duties of the Council under the Rag, Flocks and Filling Materials Act, 1951.

To carry into effect the powers and duties of the Council under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

To carry into effect the powers and duties of the Council under the Heating Appliances (Fireguards) Act, 1952.

To consider reports of the Medical Officer of Health and of the Sanitary Inspector.

The Highways and Water Committee is responsible for the function of collecting and disposing of house refuse; and of managing the Water Undertaking and the Sewage Disposal Works.

The Housing and Planning Committee deals with the provision and erection of new dwellings and with the supervision and management of all Housing Estates.

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20.5.55.

